



We are a community learning to be disciples of Jesus

# Welcome to Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Catholic Parish 24 January 2021

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Times This Week

**Saturday 6pm** Our Lady of Mercy  
**Sunday 9am** Our Lady of Mercy  
**Sunday 10:45am** The Good Shepherd

Mon 25/01 11.00am Rosary Garden  
The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

Tue 26/01 9.00am Our Lady of Mercy  
Australia Day

Wed 27/01 12 noon Our Lady of Mercy

Thu 28/01 9.30am Our Lady of Mercy  
St Thomas Aquinas

Fri 29/01 9.30am Our Lady of Mercy

Fri 29/01 7.00pm St James the Less

Sat 30/01 9.30am The Good Shepherd

Sat 30/01 11.00am Rosary Garden

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows  
Mass on Thursday and Saturday mornings  
for half an hour.

Reconciliation is available during and after  
Exposition, and by appointment.



## Pope at Angelus: Finding God Means Finding Love

Marking the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel of the day, which presents the meeting between Jesus and His first disciples. Pope Francis recounted the scene, which unfolds along the Jordan River the day after Jesus's baptism. It is John the Baptist himself, he explains, "who points out the Messiah to the two, with these words: 'Behold, the Lamb of God!'" The two, trusting the Baptist's testimony, follow Jesus. He realises this and asks the disciples what it is they are looking for. When asked where Jesus was staying, He responds by telling them, "Come and you will see".

Pope Francis went on to describe this response not as a calling card, "but an invitation for an encounter". The two follow Him and remained that afternoon with Him. "It is not difficult to imagine them seated asking Him questions and above all listening to Him, feeling their hearts enflamed ever more while the Master spoke", said the Pope.

"Let us pause a moment on this experience of meeting Christ, who calls us to remain with Him", said the Pope. He explained that "each one of God's calls is an initiative of His love".

*"God calls to life, He calls to faith, and He calls to a particular state in life. God's first call is to life, through which He makes us persons; it is an individual call because God does not make things in series. Then God calls us to faith and to become part of His family as children of God. Lastly, God calls us to a particular state in life: to give of ourselves on the path of matrimony, or that of the priesthood or the consecrated life".*

Concluding his reflection, Pope Francis noted that before the Lord's call, "which reaches us in a thousand ways", our attitude at times might be "rejection", and at others, "fear". "But God's call is love and it should be responded to only with love", said the Pope. "At the beginning there is an encounter, or rather, there is the encounter with Jesus who speaks to us of His Father, He makes His love known to us. And then the spontaneous desire will arise even in us to communicate it to the people that we love: 'I met Love', 'I found the meaning of my life'. In a word: 'I found God'".

#### Our Priests

**Father Richard Morris**  
Parish Priest

**Father Ian Wilson**  
Assisting Priest

#### Our Churches

**Our Lady of Mercy**  
5 Mann Street, Mt Barker SA 5251

**The Good Shepherd**  
2 Chapel Street, Strathalbyn SA 5255

**St James the Less**  
24 Luck Street, Macclesfield SA 5153

#### Our Parish Office

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Gavin McLaughlin, Principal  
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## Please Pray For...

### Sick

Roma Baraglia, Blossom (Teresa) Ferrarese, Gene Ferrarese, Anne Jansen, Jacinda Jansen-Roberts, Ashlee Lloyd, Helen Malin, Helene Meijer, David Neville, Prema Sequeira, Patricia Smyth, David Thomas.

*Names are kept on the sick list for 4 weeks.*

### Recently Deceased

Martin Furnell, Christine Achjian (nee Peterson). Archbishop Philip Wilson.

### Anniversaries

Vernon Almeida, Doris Bates, Gertrude Coffey, Ada-Mary Colville, Nigel Conlon, Sarah Louise Entwistle, Michael Fallon, Jeffrey Finlay, John Gauchi, Norm Hardy, Jim Humphreys, Monica Huppatz, Jason O'Toole, William Robins, Jonas Vildzius.

*Anniversaries from Saturday 23rd to Friday 29th January.*

## Parish Pastoral Council

Neil McGoran (Chair), Fr Richard Morris (Ex Officio), Fr Ian Wilson (Ex Officio), Gavin McLaughlin (Ex Officio), Stewart Chilcott, Teena Cobiac, Joanna Falkland, Mike Galea, Yesamma Hendry, Sandra Lloyd, Jo Manalo, Michelle Muller, Tung Pham, Jan Sobotta.

*Supporting our parish community on our journey of faith.*

## Parish Finance Council

Father Richard Morris (ex officio), John Barton (Treasurer), Michelle Muller, Noel Duffield, Jim Mann, Delia Hughes.

*For parish property, maintenance and finance matters.*

### Collections Last Week

<b>1st Collection</b> (supporting our priests)	\$ 891.40
<b>2nd Collection</b> (supporting the parish)	
Envelopes	\$ 885.00
Online and direct debit	\$ 505.00
Loose plate	\$ 335.55
<b>Total second collection</b>	<b>\$ 1725.55</b>

*Thank you for supporting our parish and our priests.*

If you would like to give to the first and second collections via envelope, direct debit or credit card, please contact Michelle or Father Richard at the Parish Office, ph 8391 1053.

## Meetings This Week

Mon 9.45am	Arty Crafty Ladies	OLOM Foyer
Sun 10.30am	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wed 7.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council	OLOM Foyer
Thurs 7.00pm	SVDP Conference	OLOM Foyer

## Save the Dates

### Scripture study sessions with Father Michael Trainor

Father Michael will explore Mark's Gospel with us during Lent 2021: 7-9pm, Thursdays 18th February, 4th March and 18th March, commencing each session with a shared meal.



## Reflection on the Scripture Readings



Today's liturgy invites us to take up again the reflections on Christian discipleship that we began last Sunday. Last week we considered what Christian discipleship has in common with the following of inspiring human leaders. The vivid picture painted by Mark in today's gospel reading highlights characteristics of Christian discipleship that have no parallel in the world of human discipleship.

In our common human experience, the decision to become a disciple is first and foremost a decision made by the follower. The decision to become a disciple of the Saviour has its origin in the decision and call of the Lord himself. Mark's brief narrative probably has its basis in a more complex sequence of events - in which the four fishermen have already heard the 'Good News' preached by Jesus, that 'the kingdom of God is close at hand': alluded to in the previous verses. But Mark wishes to emphasise the authoritative call of Jesus as the basis of the relationship they enter into, and the unconditional nature of their response. 'You did not chose me, no. I chose you' - these words of Jesus at the supper, in John's gospel, are addressed to each of us. Our relationship with the Lord is grounded in his decision on our behalf and his eternal fidelity.

Responding to the call of Jesus - like all the great decisions of a full and generous life - is not without its cost. We are reminded of this by Mark's stark narrative - as the four leave behind old securities and their kinsfolk to throw in their lot with Jesus.

The choice of Jesus is not related to any previous formation or qualifications. Mark describes the call as coming to them unexpectedly, in the midst of their daily work. As successful fishermen, with hired labour, they were probably literate and relatively well informed in the faith of old Israel. But this is of no consequence in Mark's narrative. We who are called together to form the community of the Lord's disciples come from different backgrounds and outlooks, young and old, rich and poor; united in our discipleship of the one Lord we must show the world all that a generous following of Christ has to offer the human family - nothing less than a foretaste of the final Kingdom.

'I will make you fishers of men' - the call to discipleship is an invitation to share in the mission of Jesus, to share his responsibility for the whole human family. If the Church in which we believe is the community of those who have responded to this call, Mark's account presents Jesus as beginning to create the Church at the very outset of his ministry.

The contrast between the relationship entered into by Jewish rabbi of the time of Jesus, and the relationship the Saviour entered into with his disciples has often been remarked upon. 'Follow me' - these words give expression to a decision made from all eternity, a decision that will never be revoked, as he leads us to share in his own eternal destiny.

John Thornhill SM

## Question of the Week

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near; repent, and believe in the good news'. (Mark 1: 14 – 15)

Adults: What part of your life is Jesus calling you to change right now?

Young People: What do I need to drop right now to follow Jesus more closely?

Children: In what way do you think you can be a better follower of Jesus?

## Clergy Appointments

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan has announced the following clergy appointments. Effective, 29th January, 2021.

1. **Fr John Shanahan, PP** Having accepted Fr Michael Brennan's request to retire from the role of Parish Priest of Emmaus Parish (Goodwood, Colonel Light Gardens and Kingswood), and undertake lesser duties, I have appointed Fr John Shanahan, currently Parish Priest of St Ann's Parish, as Parish Priest of Emmaus Parish.
2. **Fr Joseph Raja** From Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish, Adelaide to Parish Priest of St Ann's Parish.
3. **Fr Paul Mwaura** With Fr Santiago Fernandes' Religious community having asked that he return to the Society of The Missionaries of St Francis Xavier, Goa Province, India to assist in their mission there, I have appointed Fr Paul Mwaura, currently assisting in the Yorke Peninsula Parish, as Parish Priest of the Aberfoyle Park Parish.
4. **Fr Sam Arockiasamy** From Assistant Priest of the Parishes of Mount Gambier and Millicent to Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish, Adelaide.
5. **Fr Dominick Okwadha** From Assistant Priest of the Parishes of Mount Gambier and Millicent to Assistant Priest of the Parishes Brighton and Hallet Cove.
6. **Fr Pat Lopresti** With Fr Michael Odiwa having been nominated as Bishop of Homa Bay, Kenya, I have appointed Fr Pat as Assistant Priest to Hectorville Parish.
7. **Rev Mr Anthony Beltrame** to the Cathedral Parish.
8. **Rev Mr Olek Stirrat** to the Mount Gambier and Millicent Parishes.

## Australia Day Mass

Tuesday, January 26 2021 at 9am in St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

For more than 60 years a special celebration of the Eucharist has been held in St Francis Xavier Cathedral to celebrate Australia Day. We come together to celebrate and give thanks for this wonderful country and to recognise the richness and diversity of the people who call Australia home. All are welcome to join us on this special occasion. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8106 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au).

## Feast of St Josephine Bakhita Mass

Monday February 8 is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of modern slavery and human trafficking. The African Catholic Community will celebrate the Canossian Sister's feast day at Mass on **Sunday February 14 in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2:30pm**. Bookings for Mass can be made via <https://www.trybooking.com/BJYNQ>

## Urgent: Abortion Bill Update

The 'Abortion to Birth Bill' will be debated in House of Assembly on Tuesday February 2 2021, with a vote expected that week. It is URGENT that parishioners contact their local MP by telephone/letter, plus also Premier Marshall, expressing strong opposition to this horrendous Bill. Enq. Alan & Helen Tyson 8364 4516, 0412 389 875, [itm54au@gmail.com](mailto:itm54au@gmail.com).

## Walk for Life

*Walk for Life* will be held on Saturday February 6 at Pennington Gardens (Opposite St Peter's Cathedral) walking to Parliament House from 10am – 12noon. For more information visit [www.loveadelaide.org.au](http://www.loveadelaide.org.au)

## The Spirit of the Liturgy

*The Spirit of the Liturgy* - a short course presented by Dr Jenny O'Brien of the Archdiocese's Office for Worship. Held across five evenings, commencing on Thursday February 11, the course explores the feasts and seasons of the Liturgical Year and looks at the various liturgical ministries commonly undertaken within the parish community. The course will be held in the Cathedral Hall of St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in the city, cost is \$50 per person.

To register your interest, please contact the Office for Worship on P: 8210 8130 or visit our website on [www.ofw-adelaide.org.au](http://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au).

## Death of Emeritus Archbishop Philip Wilson

As you will be aware, Archbishop Wilson died unexpectedly on Sunday January 17 at Carmelite. His funeral arrangements are still being finalised but it is expected the Vigil and Funeral Mass will be held in the first week of February. The Funeral Mass will be live streamed on YouTube and the Archdiocesan website [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au). Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Early learning and kindergarten for children 6 months to 5 years in Mount Barker.



For more information call 8188 8700 or go to [alivecatholic.org.au](http://alivecatholic.org.au)



# 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING JONAH 3:1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

*The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 24:4-9

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

## SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MARK 1:15

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL MARK 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**Next Week: January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B,**

***This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.***

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm: 94:1-2, 6-9, Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35, Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

The English translation of the Psalm Responses, Alleluia & Gospel verses, & Lenten Gospel Acclamation from  
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